Focus

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Morton Grove Public Library

Public Access Internet Arrives at the Library

For months you've been hearing about the World Wide Web and maybe you don't quite know what it's all about. Since April 1, the Library has offered public access to the Internet with three terminals. As 20 people learned during "Log on @ the Library Day" it's so easy to get around -- it just takes time and a bit of practice. Although we can't offer everyone a one-on-one, 20-minute lesson, we are offering several classes in June to get you started. Classes are limited to three people to allow hands-on training. Also available are two specialized classes: a Search Engine Tutorial and a Geneaology Tutorial. See page 2 for registration details. The use of the computers is available to anyone in seventh grade or above. You may call ahead, up to two days in advance, to reserve a 55-minute time period. You may make printouts or download onto a preformatted disk. Another opportunity to learn more about the Internet is through the Adult Summer Reading Club which offers a 15-minute tour with a staff member. Look for more classes in the future but, in the meantime, come into the Library to "surf the Internet" for yourself.

Internet for Parents

Are your kids talking about surfing the Net and scribbling coded messages that always start out "http:"? Are you concerned about what they might encounter on the Internet?

Glenn Hoyle will present ***Internet for Parents*** on **Saturday, May 11 from 1 - 3 p.m.** He covers how to use the Internet as a valuable resource for school and research such as finding college and scholarship information and what precautions to take to protect from inappropriate sites.

Dr. Hoyle has 20 years experience in "distance learning" techniques where the student is separated from the instructor or other students. The 600 college-level classes offered on the Internet is a prime example of distance learning .

Exit to MGPL: Travel the Reading Highway

Make the Library your first stop this summer to pick up your Emergency Road Kit for the Adult Summer Reading Club, **Travel the Reading Highway.**

Whether you choose Dangerous Curves (romances), Do Not Enter (mystery), Construction Zone (home or self-improvement), you'll be able to read what you want. Maybe you always use the Pedestrian Crosswalk (biography) or get caught in a Detour (science fiction). Speed Zone Ahead offers 15-minutes with a staff member for an Internet tour.

Rules of the Road are simple:

Licensed "drivers" must be 13 years or older with a valid library card from any public library with reciprocal borrowing privileges. All books read must be checked out from MGPL. Follow your roadway signs and read six books before August 31 to qualify for prizes which include bookstore, video store and restaurant gift certificates, and movie coupons .

Take a rest stop and come in to our Adult and Children's Summer Reading Club kick-off day **Monday, June 17.** For more information on the Children's program, see page 3.

Linebooks Offer Colorful Look into the Past in Local History Room

The Local History Room invites you to stop in to relive a part of Chicago's history and examine a "Linebook." For those unfamiliar with this publication, "Linebooks" were annual compilations of verse and prose submitted by staff and readers of "A Line O' Type or Two" column. This popular column was featured on the *Chicago Tribune* editorial page from 1901 until 1969.

Although "Linebooks" were only published from 1924 until 1950, those who contributed to the column continued celebrating the "Linebook" with an annual dinner until 1968.

The Local History Room's collection spans 1925 - 1946 and is a colorful look at the way people communicated before listervs and chat lines on the Internet. If anyone has copies of the 1924, 1947-50 "Linebooks" and would consider donating them, contact Ms. Rifken in Local History. .

The Local History Room at the Library is open Monday 1:00 - 4:30 p.m, Wednesday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Thursday 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. The "Linebooks" will be on display throughout the month of May.

MGPL Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 - 9
Fri. 9 - 6, Sat. 9 - 5
Sun. (Sept.-May) 1 - 5

Closed May 27, July 4 and Sundays May 26-Sept. 1

Mark your calendar!

All programs are free of charge and open to everyone.

Calendar Summary

May			
5/7	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/8	We	7:00	Asian-American Health
5/9	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
5/10	Fr	10:00	New Books Showcase
5/13	Mo	1:00, 6:30	Feature Film: *Nixon* R (191 min)
5/14	Tu	11:30	Minute-by-Minute at Ravinia Festival
5/15	We	7:00	Investments for Women
5/21	Tu	11:30	Senior Health Care
5/26, 5/27			Library Closed
5/28	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
5/28	Tu	7:00	Book Discussion Group
June			
6/4	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/10	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: *Mr. Holland's Opus* PG (145 min)
6/11	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/13	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
6/14	Fr	10:00	New Books Showcase
6/18	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/25	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
6/25	Tu	7:00	Book Discussion Group
July			
7/2	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
7/4	Th		Library Closed
7/9	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
7/11	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
7/15	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: To Be Announced
7/16, 7/23, 7/30			
	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
August			
8/6	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies
8/8	Th	7:45	Library Board Meeting
8/12	Mo	11:00 2:30, 7:00	Feature Film: To Be Announced
8/13, 8/20, 8/27			
	Tu	11:30	Lunch Time Movies

Programs — May - August

Health Resources for the Asian-American Community
Dr. Chris Chon describes health care services available for Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese, Filipino and Indian communities. These services are for those without health insurance and who are ineligible for Medicaid. Find out how you can use these services for preventive and acute care.
Wed. May 8 at 7 p.m.

Minute-by-Minute at Ravinia Festival - Join Jack Zimmerman, Ravinia's media coordinator, for a behind-the-scenes look at this internationally renowned summer music festival as it readies its 61st season. In conjunction with *Words & Music*, a Ravinia Festival/North Suburban Library System Partnership Program supported by the Crown family, 150 lawn passes will be given away at the program.
Tue. May 14 at 11:30 a.m.

Investment Planning for Women - At some time in their lives, nine out of ten American women will be, or already are, solely responsible for their own finances. Become more confident with your investment decisions by attending this seminar with Tammy Pretasky, financial advisor with Prudential Securities. Find out how to evaluate your investment personality, what your investment choices are, and how to balance your portfolio.
Wed. May 15 at 7 p.m.

Senior Health Care Seminar - Sooner or later many of us face the question of paying for long term health care. Topics of discussion will include new Medicaid rules and what is and isn't covered by Medicare. Marleen Stewart, owner of Medical Claim Services in Des Plaines, says her company evolved from requests by elderly patients who were having trouble filing claims. Many were concerned about losing their life savings to nursing care costs. You don't have to be one of these people!
Tues. May 21 at 11:30 a.m.

Internet Training Schedule:

All classes are open to Morton Grove residents only, 7th grade and up. All sessions are limited to three people to give hands-on experience (except Genealogy where six may attend). **You need to attend only one, one-hour session.**

Registration begins Tuesday, May 28.
Tuesdays evenings, June 4, 11, 18, 25 at 6:30, 7:00.
Friday mornings: June 7, 14, 21, 28 at 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30.

In addition, two specialized classes will be offered later in the summer. Registration for these begins Monday, July 29.

Search Engine Tutorial will be offered Wednesday evenings August 7, 28 at 7:00 or Friday mornings August 2, 9, 16, 23 at 10:00.

Genealogy Tutorial will be offered Friday morning, August 9 at 11:00 or Monday evening August 12 at 7:00.

Kids Programs

Reading is a Magic Trip at MGPL's Children's Summer Reading Club

Even though school's almost out for the summer, hop on the big yellow school bus for a magical ride with MGPL's Children's Summer Reading Club, **Reading Is a Magic Trip.**

Join Ms. Frizzle, Keesha, Ralphie, Arnold, Liz and the gang for all-out fun from Joanna Cole and Bruce Degen's award-winning *Magic School Bus* series (Scholastic).

Ms. Frizzle is a wacky science teacher with a specially outfitted bus that takes her students on wild adventures. At MGPL's Summer Reading Club, you'll choose your favorite character and win prizes each time you finish reading 5, 10 or 15 books. Special prizes are awarded for completing all 10 special reports.

Stops on your trip include the human body, the solar system, Never Never Land, and the Olympics.

All the fun starts **June 17** and runs through **August 31**.

Historical Society Sponsors Adventure

Passport to Adventure gives kids (and their parents) the chance to visit museums and nature centers to learn more about the events, people, history and environment of their communities. The Morton Grove Historical Society is sponsoring the **Passport to Adventure** which runs June 1 - August 17. Children who visit three sites receive a certificate; those who visit five (or more) also win a prize. Pick up your Passport in the Children's Room.

Park View Rocks Win Battle of the Books

Congratulations to the Park View Rocks, winners of the seventh- and eighth-grade Battle of the Books (642 points) in a close race with second-place winners, the O.L.P.H. Novelties (641 points). Congratulations also go to the East Prairie Outsiders and the Golf Cool Cardinals for participating in this year's contest.

Children's Art Contest Deadline Almost Here!

Only one month is left to submit your artwork for the 23rd annual Children's Art Contest. Morton Grove children, pre-school through sixth grade, are invited to submit original artwork in any medium on unlined paper. Entries will be accepted until June 1. Winners will be exhibited in the west stairway for the coming year.

Children's Classes

Summer session begins the week of June 17. Registration starts May 20 for Morton Grove residents and May 28 for non-residents.

Arts & Crafts
Grades 1-3 Mon. 3:30 pm
Grades 4-6 Fri. 3:30 pm
Class limit – 15

Pre-School Storytime
Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten:
Monday 1:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm
Wednesday 10:00 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades 1-2
Monday 7:00pm
Class limit – 12

Library Playtime for 2 1/2 Year Olds & Parents
Please choose one of the following:
Thursday 10:30 am
Friday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Creative Writing
Please choose one of the following:
Grades 2-6
Wed. or Thurs. 3:30 pm
Class limit - 40

Please note summer time changes for Arts & Crafts and Creative Writing. Phone registration will be taken after 9:30 a.m.

Can We Help You?

TeleCirc - Now you can renew your books, find out all the titles you have checked out, and find out fines from overdue books, all by calling 676-1846 from a Touch Tone phone. Have your library card ready and you'll hear a menu of options.

Listenaider - Do you need a little help hearing at our programs? The Library has three amplifiers, called Listenaiders, just for this purpose. We don't want you to miss anything! Ask at the Reader's Service Desk.

Magni-Cam - For those with low vision, the Magni-Cam, a portable magnifier which hooks into your TV. Read everything from maps to labels with the Magni-Cam. A $30 deposit is required to borrow the Magni-Cam. Call the Library for more information.

Films

May

Nixon R (191 min) Director Oliver Stone's epic film spans our 37th President's (played by Anthony Hopkins) life from his humble beginning in Southern California as the son of a poor grocer and a Quaker mother, through his sometimes shaky marriage to wife, Pat (Joan Allen), his ascent through Congress to the highest office in the nation and his fall from grace in the face of Watergate. **Mon. 5/13, 1:00 and 6:30 p.m. Please note the time changes for this film due to its length.**

June

Mr. Holland's Opus PG (145 min) While Glenn Holland (Richard Dreyfuss) dreams of composing a great symphony, real life imposes so he takes a job teaching music at the local high school. When his wife becomes pregnant, his temporary job stretches to 30 years. Holland's new mission becomes sharing his passion for music with his students. **Mon. 6/10, 11:00, 2:30 & 7:00** Titles for July and August movies are to be announced. Save these dates and call ahead for titles: **7/15, 8/12.**

Library Favorites

Lunch Time Movies

Every **Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.,** the Morton Grove Public Library screens 1 1/2 hours of videos. Bring a brown-bag lunch.

New Books Showcase

Be the first one to see what's new at the monthly New Books Showcase. **Fri. 5/10** and **6/14 at 10 a.m.** New Books Showcase will be on vacation during July and August.

Book Discussion Group

Thinking Out Loud, the Library's book discussion group, meets **Tues. May 28** for *My Own Country* by Abraham Verghese and **June 25** for *Snow Falling on Cedars* by David Guterson. Roberta Johnson leads the group which meets the **fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.**

Thinking Out Loud will not meet during July and August, but resumes **September 24** with Arthur Ashe's book, *Days of Grace.*

Reference Round-up

The 1996 Summer Olympics take place in Atlanta, Georgia from July 19 through August 4. While we're all glued to the television watching our athletes reach for excellence, we're bound to ask questions about past Olympics, rules of events, and scoring procedures.

Who won the gold medal in baseball at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics? What year did Mark Spitz win seven gold medals? What gymnast gave the world the "Thomas Flair"? The Reference Department has just received ***The Olympic Factbook: a Spectator's Guide to the Summer Games*** and it is certain to answer those questions and possibly pose a few more.

The list of sites about the Summer Olympics on the Internet's World Wide Web grows longer each day. The official Olympics site is found at **http://www.atlanta.olympics.org/** and we've highlighted it for you on the Morton Grove Public Library Web site's Timely and Topical page (**http://www.nslsilus.org/mgkhome/orrs/timely.html**). Look for an abundance of information about the games, the torch relay, events, and travel information in the Atlanta area.

Another site to view is CNN's Atlanta Olympic Games at **http://www.cnn.com/SPORTS/OLYMPICS/index.html**. This visually attractive and speedy site has a schedule of events, interviews with athletes, and access to CNN's Interactive Search feature. You'll have the ability to search all of CNN's stories abou the Olympics, the athletes, and the events.

Reserve some time on the Internet workstations to learn about these Web sites and many others.

Answers to Olympics trivia questions above: Cuba, 1972, Kurt Thomas.

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